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Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this 1990 Annual Report is to provide persons interested in developmental disabilities the opportunity to review the activities of the Council and its' projects and accomplishments of the past year.

The report presents information required by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities to comply with mandated reporting requirements of Public Law 100-146, The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 1987. While this report is primarily completed to meet these reporting requirements, the information contained within it may be of interest to any person interested in services to persons with developmental disabilities in the State of Montana. In addition, it presents information specific to Montana and is designed to acquaint the reader with the basic philosophical mission and operational procedures of the Council.

In addition to its other activities, the Council operates a discretionary grant program with funding provided by the federal government. The grant program is designed to seek out projects of importance relating to developmental disabilities in the state. The program provides funds that will allow these issues to be addressed as a means of determining feasibility, investigating service concepts and encouraging new and innovative ideas to more appropriately provide higher levels of integration, independence and productivity to Montanans with developmental disabilities. This report details the activities within the grant program and provides persons interested in developmental disabilities an opportunity to review the activities of the grant program in relation to the stated activities and objectives contained within the state plan for services.

This year, 1990 represents an important time for the Council and for all persons with developmental disabilities in Montana and nationally. As required by Public Law 100-146, Montana has conducted a thorough review of the degree with which persons receiving developmental disabilities services are satisfied with those services, conducted forums to determine the extent to which the public is aware of our services and the manner, if any, that those services should be changed, modified or otherwise altered and reviewed the policies and procedures under which services are delivered, as a means of achieving overall improvement on the quality and scope of services.

Council Purpose

The State of Montana Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council is

a State and Federally mandated agency, formed in 1971, whose purpose, as stated by Montana law, (2-15-2204 MCA) is:

> **The council shall:**
>
> (a) advise the department, other state agencies, councils, local governments, and private organizations on programs for services to the developmentally disabled;
>
> (b) develop a plan for a statewide system of community based services for the developmentally disabled; and
>
> (c) serve in any capacity required by federal law for the administration of programs for services to persons with developmental disabilities.

The Council meets these responsibilities by:

> (a) advise the department, other state agencies, councils, local governments, and private organizations on programs for services to the developmentally disabled;
>
> **1. Membership on the Council**
> Among others, the Council consists of the Directors of the following state agencies or their designees:
>
> Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
> Department of Institutions
> Department of Health and Environmental Sciences
> Office of Public Instruction
>
> Through meetings and activities, the Council provides advice to the agencies regarding the design and level of services needed for persons with developmental disabilities.
>
> **2. Council Activities**
> The Council frequently engages in activities designed to explore the status of services. Based on this research and study, the Council makes recommendations regarding changes in existing services and proposes new services to meet identified service gaps.
>
> **3. Relationship with Regional Council on Developmental Disabilities**

Each of the five regional councils on developmental disabilities has a representative on the State Council. Through this arrangement and the services available from Council staff, the Council provides coordination services and information to the regional councils.

(b) develop a plan for a statewide system of community based services for the developmentally disabled; and

1. Creation of the Montana State Plan for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Every three years, the Council is responsible for the creation of the Montana State Plan for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. Through this plan, the Council identifies the collective priorities of the group that should be addressed as concerns or needs. These priorities become the focus of the Grant Program, which seeks to provide a means of studying and analyzing potentially useful service concepts for their feasibility and inclusion into the state system of services.

(c) serve in any capacity required by federal law for the administration of federal programs for services to persons with developmental disabilities.

The Council responds to the reporting and review requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services as a part of the developmental disabilities system resulting in a unified national plan for the provision of services to Americans with developmental disabilities. A prime example of this response by the Montana Council is the creation of the "1990 Report."

SECTION I
Review of Council Accomplishments Goals, Objectives, Activities and Special Projects

The following is a review of the activities, products and accomplishments of the Montana Council as contained within the 1990 - 1991 Montana State Plan for Persons With Developmental Disabilities.

In seeking to meet the goals, objectives and activities contained within the Council's 1990 State Plan, the Council authorized a total of 16 grants, amounting to $240,428.

STATEWIDE PLANNING FOR SERVICES

GOAL

To encourage and support interorganizational planning resulting in an endorsed, comprehensive and unified state plan for all of Montana's citizens with developmental disabilities.

TWO YEAR TRANSITIONAL PLAN OBJECTIVE

The Council will continue the process of exchanging planning, service and program information between state agencies, the State Council, regional councils, parent and family organizations and other organizations with vested interests in Montana's service system.

1990 PLAN YEAR OBJECTIVE

To increase the diversity of persons, agencies and organizations involved in the planning process for Montana's developmental disabilities system with the result that services more closely reflect the needs of the persons and their families who receive them.

1990 PLAN YEAR ACTIVITIES

INCORPORATION OF PROPOSALS OF EXTENT AND SCOPE STUDY

The Council will recommend to all agencies involved in developmental disabilities services in Montana that the needs and recommendations identified through the Council sponsored Extent and Scope Study be reviewed and incorporated as appropriate into their internal planning process.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments

The Council and its committees continue to explore the

recommendations of the "1990 Report" as a means of determining Council priorities for system change. In addition, the Council has distributed the "1990 Report" to all agencies within the developmental disabilities service system and to all individuals interested in services requesting the report.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

CREATION OF SERVICE SYSTEM PLANNING FORUM (SSPF)
As a means of encouraging the statewide planning process, the Council will create the Service System Planning Forum.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council did sponsor the creation and formation of the SSPF in 1990. A group of interested agencies and individuals (approximately 25) met over a period of three months with the goal of developing a system wide set of priorities representing all aspects of the service delivery system. A list of system priorities was developed and the forum was ended. The mission of the forum remains through the activities of the Governor's Interagency Task Force On Developmental Disabilities, which was formed shortly after the announcement of the formation of the SSPF. That group is committed to continue its efforts to serve as a means of facilitating change in the services system. The Council is represented as a member of the Task Force. The Council did fund a study of one of the determined priorities of the SSPF, that of assessing the current funding structure of the developmental disabilities system in Montana.

The Council did award funds specific to this issue in 1990. The grant was awarded to:

Contractor/City	Amount
Montana Association for Independent Disability Services/ Developmental Disabilities Division Miles City Helena	$12,000

RELATIONSHIP WITH REGIONAL COUNCILS
The Council will continue it's relationship with Regional Councils by; staff attendance at least 50% of all regularly scheduled regional meetings, timely response to all requests for information and technical assistance, the joint sponsorship of the public forums on developmental disabilities services, the membership of Regional Council Chairs on the SSPF and the encouragement of Regional Council members and specifically Chairs to attend the Council's meetings and become involved in the Council's activities.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
Council staff has made a commitment to providing assistance to Montana's five Regional Councils in their efforts to improve services to persons with developmental disabilities in the state. The State Council and regional councils were the joint sponsors of the five public forums held as a part of the effort to produce the "1990 Report." Additionally, Council staff is actively involved with regional councils in a project that will replace the five Councils program evaluation systems with a monitoring tool designed to measure and improve "quality of life" issues within residential and vocational services. Council staff have also developed a format to assist the regional councils in the completion of their regional planning processes.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

1990 PLAN YEAR OBJECTIVE
To explore alternatives to current methods and procedures for service provision with other parents, professionals, agencies and organizations to identify potential changes in the system that would result in more coordinated, cost effective services.

1990 PLAN YEAR ACTIVITIES
CASE MANAGEMENT
The Council will support efforts designed to improve the capacity and quality of case management activities through the creation of services under the Medicaid Waiver Program and/or other funding methods.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council has been actively involved in interagency discussions that has resulted in the formation of a task force of system members to redefine the function and operation of case management in the state. The changes are scheduled to become effective in July of 1991.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF SERVICE SELECTION AND DELIVERY
To support the creation of service systems that allow services to be tailored to an individual's needs as opposed to "fitting" persons into available "slots."

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council awarded grants, in response to a Council sponsored RFP, to two agencies involved in a two year pilot project designed to investigate the potential of "supported living" services in the state. These projects are currently in their second year and plans are in the

process of development to include "supported living" as a limited service beginning in July of 1991.

The Council did award funds specific to this issue in 1990. Grants were made to:

Contractor/City	Amount
Job Connection Billings	$70,598
Mission Mountain Enterprises Ronan	$34,183

CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

GOAL

To continue to participate in and monitor the development and implementation of services for children resulting in the increased availability of services to all persons under the age of 18.

TWO YEAR TRANSITIONAL PLAN OBJECTIVE

To support or fund selected improvements of existing services and the creation of new services for children with developmental disabilities or those at risk for them.

1990 PLAN YEAR OBJECTIVES

To continue efforts of the Council toward reduction of the incidence of developmental disabilities, working towards more effective transition from school to adult vocational programs, exploring the problems created by the increased number of children with severe and profound handicaps remaining in the community as a result of increased child and family services and increasing the number and availability of programs designed specifically for children ages 0-3.

1990 PLAN YEAR ACTIVITIES

TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO SERVICES

To work with the Office of Public Instruction, the Montana Supported Employment Project and other agencies to formalize methods and procedures for the systematic movement of persons from school programs into adult services, especially employment programs. (Note this objective is repeated under the Priority Service Area of Employment.).

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments

The Council has been involved in preliminary discussions with the Office of Public Instruction and the Developmental Disabilities Division, among others, in order to assist in the facilitation and development of a statewide system of transition planning. The Council has determined that further development in relation to the issue of transitioning will be developed within the second half of fiscal year

1991.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

LOW BIRTHWEIGHT
The Council will monitor and support the objectives of the Montana Low Birthweight Projects, the MIAMI Project and other programs designed to prevent the occurrence of disabilities in children.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
Council staff continues to monitor the efforts of programs designed to reduce the incidence of babies with low birth weights and support the continued funding of these programs.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

SERVICES TO CHILDREN AGE 0-3
The Council will monitor and generally support the activities of the Family Support Services Advisory Council.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council attends meetings of the FSSAC to report on Council activities and monitor the efforts to expand and improve services to children. The Council will actively support the funding of Part H services under P.L. 99-457 during the upcoming legislative session.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SEVERELY AND PROFOUNDLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY
The Council will review options for optimizing services to meet the educational and financial needs of severely and profoundly handicapped children who remain in their homes, attend public schools and receive community-based services.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council continues to appreciate the special needs of this growing population and the need for changes in the adult service system to accommodate these children as they transition to adult services. Based upon the availability of permanent funding for system change, the Council may undertake a formal study of the needs of these children in 1991.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES
The Council will support unique, innovative and creative proposals from organizations and individuals designed to improve the quantity and quality of services as a result of statewide policy and systems changes, to children and their

families with developmental disabilities in Montana.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The emphasis of the Council's Leadership activities has been one of response to specific needs. The Council, in 1990, sent two Helena support staff to receive training on high technology augmentative communication equipment, the information from which was provided to similar specialists throughout the state.

The Council did award funds specific to this issue in 1990. A grant was awarded to:

Contractor/City	Amount
Helena School District No. 1 Helena	$315

COMMUNITY LIVING

GOAL
To continue to plan for and develop innovative community based services and to demonstrate their results, with the expressed goal of allowing persons to live in their communities with the fullest level of independence possible while increasing their level of interaction within the community.

TWO YEAR TRANSITIONAL PLAN OBJECTIVE
To support the needs of persons who are unserved or underserved by working with other agencies and organization in an attempt to find innovative ways to make services available.

1990 PLAN YEAR OBJECTIVES
To plan and advocate for services for persons with developmental disabilities with particular concern directed at Native Americans and other minorities whose needs are sometimes overlooked, or inappropriately addressed.

1990 PLAN YEAR ACTIVITIES
NATIVE AMERICAN SERVICES
The Council will continue to monitor communication between Native American groups interested in services and service providers, Regional Councils and state agencies in order to assist in meeting the needs of Native Americans, through at least quarterly communications with interested parties.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council, through its staff, continues in its efforts to establish effective communication between Montana's seven major tribal entities and the developmental disabilities service system. As this effort

continues, plans are being redefined for 1991.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

DUAL DIAGNOSIS SERVICES
The Council will support the efforts of the Department of Institutions, in conjunction with the Department of Family Services and the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to develop a proposal to serve adults with dual diagnosis (mental retardation and mental illness).

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council continues to view the needs of adults with dual diagnosis as a relatively unmet need within the developmental disabilities system in Montana.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

RURAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS
The Council will generally support efforts to increase the availability of necessary transportation for persons who live in rural areas and do not currently receive transportation services or reimbursement.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council continues to advocate for the transportation needs of persons with developmental disabilities living in rural areas and to promote this issue as one needing to be addressed.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

INTENSIVE SERVICES
The Council will support efforts to provide appropriate services to persons who are defined as having "intensive needs."

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council has been actively involved in the development and initial implementation of the Specialized Service and Support Organization, which will result in the addition of 52 persons designated as in need of "intensive services" receiving services in the community. Council staff was involved as members of the committee responsible for the selection of the agency contracted for service provision and on the administrative staff search committee for the selected contractor.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

WAITING LIST REDUCTION
The Council will work to promote legislation, on the State and Federal level that

results in increased funding for the expansion and creation of services to meet the needs of the approximately 1000 persons on the "waiting list" for services. In addition, the Council will support the creation of services for those persons presently residing in nursing homes who will be placed in the community as a result of the requirements of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA).

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council will generally support legislation during the 1991 session of the Montana Legislature that will result in reduction of the nearly 1100 persons requesting services. The completion of the SSSO has resulted in a reduction of the intensive waiting list, plans for Phase V of the Governor's Action Plan will result in a small waiting list reduction for both adults and children and the enactment of the OBRA 87 will also result in a small reduction to the numbers needing services. Approximately 90 Montanans now living in nursing homes have chosen to leave those facilities and will receive community services.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

STAFF TRAINING
TWO YEAR TRANSITIONAL PLAN OBJECTIVES
To support the organization and delivery of continuing education for all persons who work with persons with developmental disabilities.

1990 PLAN YEAR OBJECTIVES
To monitor the training needs of professionals, paraprofessionals, volunteers (including members of Boards of Directors) and others involved in the provision of services to families of and persons with developmental disabilities and provide assistance in meeting those needs.

1990 PLAN YEAR ACTIVITIES
STAFF TRAINING PROJECT
The Council will provide funding and support for a project designed to identify statewide staff training needs, identify training resources, develop operating systems and procedures, develop a statewide certification system and demonstrate the operation of the system.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council is in the second year of funding for a joint project to assess the training needs of staff working with persons with developmental disabilities, review existing training packages to meet those needs, develop expanded systems for certification of staff in the completion of the curriculum and implement the entire system. In conjunction with this project, the Council participated in a project designed to train direct care staff and proctors in the intervention techniques of David Mandt

and Associates.

The Council did award funds specific to this issue in 1990. Grants were awarded to:

Contractor/City	Amount
Montana Association for Independent Disability Services/Developmental Disabilities Division/Montana University Affiliated Program Satellite Miles City/Helena/Missoula	$40,040
Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services/ Developmental Disabilities Division Helena	$ 5,921

MONTANA CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
The Council will continue to cooperate in and support the goals of the Annual Montana Conference on Developmental Disabilities.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council has provided financial support in the form of reimbursement for attendance costs of direct care staff for each of the 12 annual conferences. In addition, Council staff serve as members of the Conference Steering Committee, responsible for the determination of the theme of the conference, selection of speakers and other duties critical to the success of the project.

The Council did award funds specific to this issue in 1990. A grant was awarded to:

Contractor/City	Amount
Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services/Developmental Disabilities Division/ Training Resource and Information Center, Helena	$5,000

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES
The Council will support replicable, innovative and creative proposals from organizations and individuals designed to improve the skill level of staff working with persons with developmental disabilities.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Leadership Activities component of the Council's Grant Program was designed to respond to specific small short term requests for funds responding to an, otherwise, unaddressed need within each of the

Council's priority areas. Council funds were used to defray expenses for the Eastern Montana College Conference on special education/early childhood issues.

The Council did award funds specific to this issue in 1990. A grant was awarded to:

Contractor/City	Amount
Eastern Montana College Billings	$2,000

ADVOCACY EFFORTS

TWO YEAR TRANSITIONAL PLAN OBJECTIVE

To provide support for the efforts of advocacy groups who promote independence and integration of persons with developmental disabilities.

1990 PLAN YEAR OBJECTIVES

The Council will encourage the involvement of parent, family and advocate support activities through its' cooperation with Parent's Let's Unite for Kids, the Family Support Services Advisory Council, the Montana Protection and Advocacy Network, the Montana Advocacy Program and other groups dedicated to increasing the power and capabilities of individuals and families of persons with developmental disabilities.

1990 PLAN YEAR ACTIVITIES

SELF SUFFICIENCY TRUST

The Council will monitor and support efforts to establish the Self-Sufficiency Trust as passed by the 1989 Montana Legislature.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments

In the past year, three members of the Council have been elected to the Board of Directors of the Self-Sufficiency Trust. The Council continues to monitor the efforts of this group as they begin their operations phase.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

To improve public awareness of developmental disabilities, through Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and the cooperation of the news media and other sources, in terms of individual capabilities, competencies, personal needs and preferences.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments

The Council jointly provided seed funding a project to provide statewide Information and Referral services. This project is now on

line across the state providing information regarding both child and adult services.

Additionally, the Council continues to make a variety of previously developed Council-sponsored videotapes, suitable for use as Public Service Announcements and informational/training materials available to the public for use as awareness materials.

Council staff is also active with the annual Developmental Disabilities Service Awards ceremony held annually in conjunction with the Montana Conference on Developmental Disabilities.

The Council did award funds specific to this issue in 1990. Grants were awarded to:

Contractor/City	Amount
Montana Association for Independent Disability Services Miles City	$ 250
Parent's Let's Unite for Kids (PLUK) Billings	$13,760

SERVICES TO SENIORS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
TWO YEAR TRANSITIONAL PLAN OBJECTIVE
To monitor the needs of older persons with developmental disabilities and provide support for programs which meet their special requirements.

1990 PLAN YEAR OBJECTIVES
Support the creation of programs that allow for the transition of elderly persons with developmental disabilities to move from age-inappropriate services to age appropriate, integrated services within the community.

1990 PLAN YEAR ACTIVITIES
DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORTED RETIREMENT
The Council will continue to support and provide funding for projects that demonstrate the effectiveness of programs designed to provide transition for older persons with developmental disabilities.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council, in 1990, completed funding support of a two-year nationally recognized project designed to investigate the possibilities of and potential for a system of supported retirement in Montana. While it does not appear that permanent funding will become available for this service, many of the concepts promoted in this project could be completed without additional funding.

The Council did award funds specific to this issue in 1990. A grant was

awarded to:

Contractor/City	Amount
Big Rear Resources Missoula	$32,969

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY
TWO YEAR TRANSITIONAL PLAN OBJECTIVE
To participate in and support efforts that will increase the availability and use of assistive technology devices and information.

1990 PLAN YEAR OBJECTIVES
The Council will continue to promote efforts to acquire funding for projects that will result in increased use of assistive technology.

1990 PLAN YEAR ACTIVITIES
MONTANA CONSORTIUM ON ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY
Participate, as appropriate, in the grant proposal process and, if successful, the resulting activities, of the Montana Consortium for Assistive Technology.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The initial grant proposal of the MCAT was unsuccessful in acquiring funds. A response to the second round RFP has been developed and submitted.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES
Offer support, as appropriate, for training in, the use of, or the sharing of information regarding the use of assistive and/or high technology devices, equipment or information.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Leadership Activities component of the Council's Grant Program was designed to respond to specific small short term requests for funds responding to an, otherwise, unaddressed need within each of the Council's priority areas.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

RECREATION AND LEISURE
TWO YEAR TRANSITIONAL PLAN OBJECTIVE
To support the development of programs that provide recreation and leisure opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities, particularly those programs that result in integration with community recreation programs.

1990 PLAN YEAR OBJECTIVES
To identify the statewide needs of persons with developmental disabilities as it relates to recreation through a needs assessment process.

1990 PLAN YEAR ACTIVITIES
REPORT ON LEISURE AND RECREATION SERVICES
The Council will develop materials to meet the recreational and leisure needs of persons with developmental disabilities in the state and make recommendations concerning methods to effect and promote progress in this area.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council has engaged in significant discussions with parties interested in improvements in the quality and quantity of leisure and recreation skills of persons with developmental disabilities. The Council, in 1990, did generate an RFP to address this issue and is in the process of reviewing a response.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

DIRECT CARE STAFF COMPENSATION
TWO YEAR TRANSITIONAL PLAN OBJECTIVE
To continue to support efforts to acquire increased compensation for direct care staff of private non-profit service providers resulting in wage and benefit parity with similar positions on a state wide and regional basis.

1990 PLAN YEAR OBJECTIVES
The Council will support, as appropriate, efforts to create legislation for the 1991 Legislature addressing the need for increased compensation for direct care staff.

1990 PLAN YEAR ACTIVITIES
LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR DIRECT CARE STAFF
The Council will support the updating of the "Direct Care Staff Salary Compensation Study" completed for the 1989 Legislature.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
Supplementary information necessary to approach the 1991 Montana Legislature for additional funding necessary to upgrade the salaries and benefits of direct care staff has been generated and the issue is being prepared for consideration during the upcoming session.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990

PREVENTION OF DISABILITIES
TWO YEAR TRANSITIONAL PLAN OBJECTIVE
To support statewide efforts designed to reduce the incidence of developmental

disabilities and secondary factors that compound the severity of disabilities.

1990 PLAN YEAR OBJECTIVES
To assist in the acquisition of funding for projects designed to provide innovative methods to reduce disabilities in Montana.

1990 PLAN YEAR ACTIVITIES
DISABILITY PREVENTION PROJECT
The Council will continue to support efforts to acquire funding for activities relating to disability prevention through its membership in and cooperation with the Disability Prevention Project.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Prevention of Secondary Disabilities Project through the Rural Disability Prevention Project of the Research and Training Center on Rural Rehabilitation Services, did receive funding in 1990 and is operational. The Council continues to monitor progress on this project.

The Council did not award funds specific to this issue in 1990.

AIDS AND HEAD INJURY
The Council will cooperate with agencies, organizations and individuals involved in the effort to prevent the occurrence of and mitigate the effects of, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), head injury, and other illnesses, diseases and injuries in persons with developmental disabilities.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council took two specific actions in 1990. The Council provided funds for the development of an AIDS curriculum for use in public schools and also provided funding to the Montana Head Injury Association for their annual conference. Funds for this project were used to defray travel expenses for attendees.

The Council did award funds specific to this issue in 1990. Grants were awarded to:

Contractor/City	Amount
Montana University Affiliated Program Satellite	$3,414
Montana Head Injury Association	$ 800

EMPLOYMENT

GOAL
To continue to participate in programs and efforts designed to provide community based employment services for persons with developmental disabilities with the

result that all persons needing those services receive them and that as a function of receiving services persons with developmental disabilities become as economically self sufficient as possible.

TWO YEAR TRANSITIONAL PLAN OBJECTIVE
To promote the exit of individuals from structured developmental disabilities services to allow for movement to programs offering increased independence, integration and productivity on residential and vocational areas of ability and to promote, as a consequence, the development of new and or the modification of existing services which are within the projected resources and which answer the unmet employment needs of persons with developmental disabilities.

1990 PLAN YEAR OBJECTIVES
TRANSITION SERVICES
To work with the Office of Public Instruction, the Montana Supported Employment Project and other agencies to formalize methods, processes and procedures for the systematic movement of persons from school programs into adult services, especially employment programs.

1990 PLAN YEAR ACTIVITIES
CONFERENCE ON SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT
The Council will support the goals and ideals of the annual Montana Conference on Supported Employment conducted by the Montana Supported Employment Demonstration Project.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
The Council provided funds for the Fourth Annual Montana Conference on Supported Employment as a means of providing persons interested in the expansion of employment opportunities a means of exchanging information and provide a forum for their vocational needs.

The Council did award funds specific to this issue in 1990. Grants were awarded to:

Contractor/City	Amount
Opportunity Industries Missoula	$2,000

INCREASE IN CAPACITY OF SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
To offer support and funding, as appropriate, for innovative methods and concepts designed to improve the quality or quantity, through policy, system or specific program changes in Supported Employment programs for persons with developmental disabilities.

1990 Grant Awards and Council Accomplishments
A pilot project to provide supported employment services to persons

designated as having "intensive needs" was established as a means of providing evidence of the flexibility of the supported employment concept to a wide population of persons with developmental disabilities.

The Council also provided support to the Governor's Committee on Employment of Persons with Disabilities to defray costs of persons attending their annual conference.

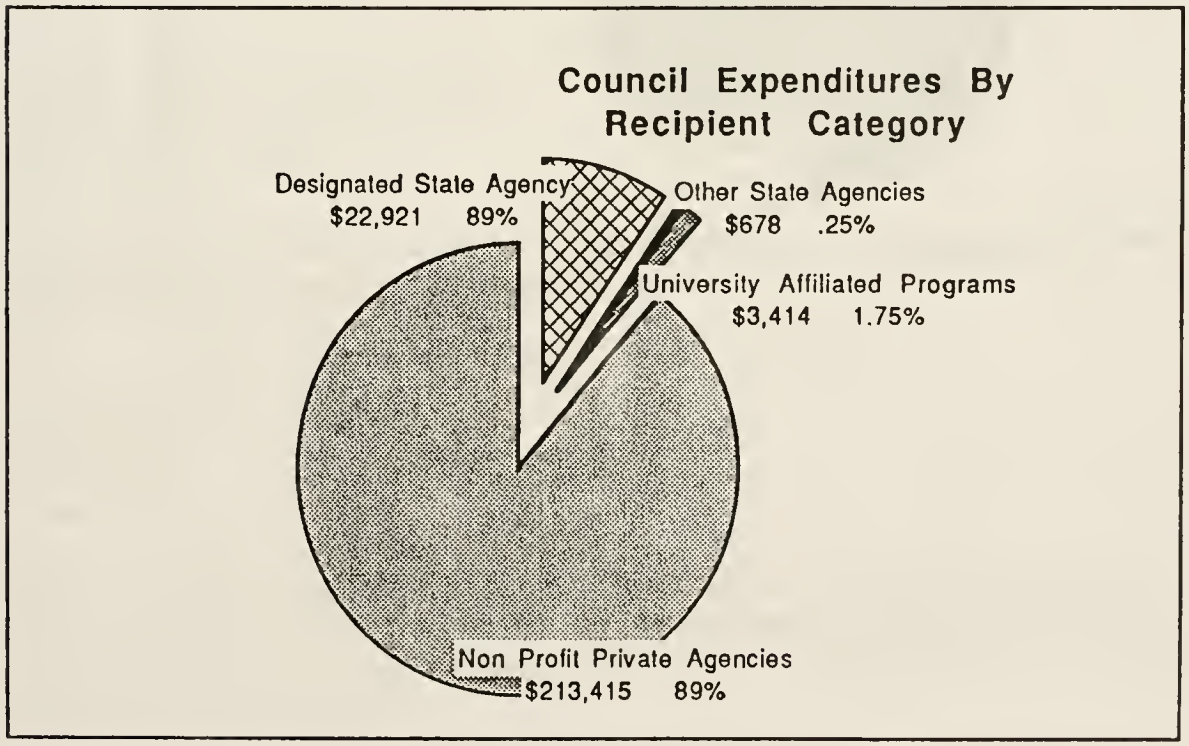
The Council did award funds specific to this issue in 1990. Grants were awarded to:

Contractor/City	Amount
Regional Services for the Disabled Billings	$16,500
The Governor's Committee for Employment of Persons with Disabilities Helena	$ 678

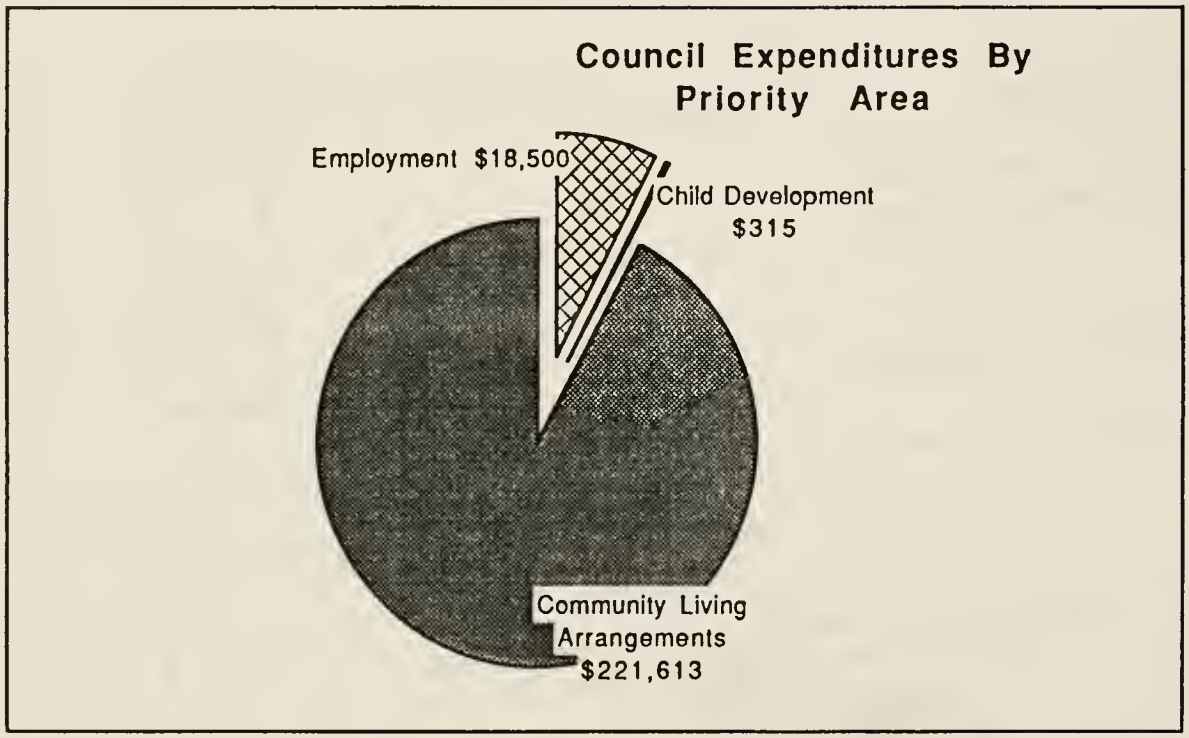
SECTION II
Expenditures Under Part B of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act Amendments of 1987, Public Law 100-146

A. Type of Recipient of Council Funds

Type of Recipient Expended	Amount
State Planning Council	$ 0
Designated State Agency	$ 22,921
Other State Agencies	$ 678
Protection and Advocacy Systems	$ 0
University Affiliated Programs	$ 3,414
Non-Profit Private Agencies	$213,415
Others	$ 0
Total Federal Part B Expenditures	**$240,428**



B. Cost Categories	Amount Expended
1. Federal Priority Area	
a. Employment	$18,500
b. Case Management	$0
c. Child Development	$315
d. Community Living Arrangements	$221,613
2. State Priority Area	$0
3. 1990 Report Activities and Preparation	$0
4. Other	$0
Total Federal Part B Expenditures	$240,428



SECTION III
Report of Council Review of Annual Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) Surveys

During 1990, the Council reviewed the Annual Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded Survey (ICF/MR) Reports for three Montana facilities. Those facilities were the:

Montana Developmental Center	**Boulder**
Eastmont Human Services Center	**Glendive**
Happy Acres	**Ronan**

The Montana Developmental Center and Eastmont Human Services Center are public facilities and currently serve approximately 180 and 52 persons, respectively. Happy Acres is a privately owned facility serving approximately 10 persons.

The Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded surveys are conducted by the:

Montana Department of Health and Human Services
Licensing and Certification Bureau
Cogswell Building, Room 214
Helena, Montana 59620

Certification of the facilities to operate pursuant to section 1902 (a) (31) (B) of the Social Security Act is reviewed by the:

Montana Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Economic Assistance Division
111 Sanders
P.O. Box 4210
Helena, Montana 59620

Description of Council review, analysis and response to ICF/MR survey reports
Reports of the surveys are received by the Council from the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences and are reviewed by the Council following an analysis of the reports by Council staff.

This analysis takes the form of reviewing deficiencies and categorizing those

deficiencies according to type (e.g. administrative, staff training, issues of care and or training of persons in the facility, facility deficiencies, issues relating to food services, issues relating to medical care, issues relating to abuse or neglect and miscellaneous deficiencies) and reviewing the Correction Plan provided by the facility in response to the deficiencies. This staff report is provided to Council members, along with copies of the complete survey.

Following Council review, any comments based on the review are provided to the appropriate facility, survey or certification agencies.

During 1990, the Happy Acres facility was sold to a private non-profit service provider. Current plans are that it will remain as an ICF/MR.

In addition, as a result of the efforts of the Governor's Interagency Task Force on Developmental Disabilities' **Action Plan to Modify the Montana Developmental Disabilities Service System**, the number of persons residing at the Montana Developmental Center in Boulder will be reduced by approximately seventy persons. This action will occur over the next three years.

All three facilities are currently certified under ICF/MR regulations and are due for review within the next quarter.

SECTION IV
State Trends in Setting Priorities Concerning Policy Reform and Advocacy

In the last fifteen years Montana's system for developmental disabilities services has grown both in size and in complexity. It has grown in concert with the national movement that has come of age and become more sophisticated in terms of its approaches and practices. At the same time, and regardless of national changes and trends, Montana has witnessed significant events that will and have caused changes in the manner that services are provided, both in terms of the quantity of services and in the organization of the system. During 1990, a number of events have signaled a change in system priorities that are likely to have a significant impact on the developmental disabilities system in Montana.

(The issues presented below are not addressed in any order of importance.)

Changes in the Mission and Scope of the Montana Developmental Center

The Governor's Interagency Task Force On Developmental Disabilities has made significant recommendations to the Administration regarding the mission and scope of the Montana Developmental Center and its place in the developmental disabilities system. The major change is to redefine the mission of the facility as it relates to the developmental disabilities system as a whole and to make changes in Montana law that will allow these changes to occur by limiting the type of person who can receive services there. In the past, MDC has functioned, among other purposes, as a safety net for persons with no other service options. This option, while valid for the persons needing services, resulted in inappropriate placements to the facility. Many of the persons entering services at MDC, should be more appropriately served in community services if the facilities were available However, in the absence of laws restricting the type of placements that could be made to MDC, efforts to make community placements were sometimes not made or not made in a timely fashion which would have allowed appropriate community placements to be found. Changes in Montana law, if passed by the 1991 Legislature would restrict the type of placement to MDC and would create a joint community and institutional placement review team that will jointly work out difficult emergency placement needs. The new mission of MDC would be to serve persons with severe behavior problems who cannot at the time of their entry be served in community based settings and on a more limited basis, persons with a continuing need for emergency medical care or total assistance in personal care. Present plans call for a reduction in the population of the Center to approximately 110 persons. These changes will begin in July of 1991.

The Continuing Analysis of Supported Living as a Part of the Montana Continuum of Services

As a result of placing increased emphasis on the ways in which integration and independence in service delivery options impact the lives of persons with developmental disabilities, the analysis of supported living, as a new service option, marks a new stage in Montana's adult service delivery system. The concept of designing the system to meet the individual needs of persons will present new challenges to the system as did the creation of Supported Employment and Specialized Family Care for persons needing vocational and specialized child development services. It will force new "numbers" into the "equation" that results in effective, cost efficient services that provide verifiable results. Beginning in the summer of State Fiscal Year 91, the Developmental Disabilities Division will begin the process of making supported living options available for persons with developmental disabilities who can benefit the supported living. This availability may take one or more of the following three forms:

1. Persons leaving the Montana Developmental Center in Boulder as a result of the Governor's Action Plan will in certain situations, have the opportunity to move directly into supported living options from the institution.

2. Persons moving from nursing homes under the OBRA 87 regulations will have the option of selecting supported living as their form of residential service.

3. Private non-profit residential service providers operating group homes in Montana will have the option of closing selected group homes in need of replacement and moving the people living in these homes into supported living services. The funds received from the DDD for the operation of group homes will be used as the funding for the new services. In addition, equity in the home realized through mortgage payments and grants received by the providers from the DDD will remain as an asset to the service provider.

<u>The Planning for Services Under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA)</u>
The Department is planning for expansion in community services based on the OBRA legislation of 1987, amending Section 1919 of the Social Security Act. Current estimates state that approximately 90 - 100 persons with developmental disabilities will be placed in new or existing community residences. These services are due to begin in 1992 - 1993.

<u>The Creation of the Specialized Service and Support Organization (SSSO)</u>
1990 represents the operational phase of the Specialized Service and Support Organization (SSSO). The SSSO is designed to provide services to 52 persons designated as having intensive needs either because of severe behavioral complication, chronic medical needs or lack of primary personal care skills. The seven homes and day service facility are currently approximately fifty percent operational and will be in full operation by early spring. The Missoula Developmental Services Corporation in Missoula is responsible for the provision of the service.

The Expansion of the Montana Information and Referral System

The Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services awarded a contract to Parents, Let's Unite for Kids, of Billings, in 1989 to form an Information and Referral Network to provide a first line information system for children's services in Montana. In 1990, the Council provided funding to expand this service to include adults, resulting in a statewide Information and Referral System for all developmental disabilities services for the first time.

The Continuation of the Montana Developmental Disabilities Staff Training Project

The system discussed in the 1989 Annual Report continues to function in meeting its mission to develop and implement an expanded and complete training curriculum for staff of developmental disabilities service providers across the state. The project is currently purchasing, developing and modifying materials that will be used throughout the state in classroom and performance based training.

Funding Equalization Study

The Council has sponsored a study of the current funding methods for the developmental disabilities system in Montana. This study and resulting recommendations are being completed by the National Association of State Mental Retardation Program Directors (NASMRPD) and over the next three years will result in changes to the reimbursement methods for private non-profit service providers.

Proposed Changes in Case Management Services

By July 0f 1991 Case Management Services in the State operated under the Department of Family Services will have undergone major changes in both the quantity and quality of case management services. The planning for these changes in still occurring and therefore any final report on them would be preliminary and inadvisable at this time.

APPENDIX ONE

Current Members and Staff of the Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council - 1989

The Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council is a 22 member organization, representing a variety of interests in the field of developmental disabilities. Appointments to the Council are made by the Governor for a period of 1 - 3 years (dependent on the area of member representation). Under the direction of Council Chairman, Robert J. Tallon, the Council has completed the 1989 - 1990 Plan Year and is in the process of completing planning activities for the year 1990 - 1991.

COUNCIL MEMBERS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1990

MEMBERS

NAME	POSITION	RESIDENCE
STATE AGENCY REPRESENTATION		
Robert Anderson	Agency Representative for Department of Institutions	Helena
Cecilia Cowie	Agency Representative for Department of Health & Environmental Sciences	Helena
Julie Robinson	Agency Representative for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services	Helena
Bob Runkel	Agency Representative from the Office of Public Instruction	Helena

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MEMBERS

NAME	POSITION	RESIDENCE
Peyton Terry	Consumer /Region I Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative Small business Owner	Glasgow
Joyce Curtis	Consumer/Region II Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative Retired/Grandparent	Choteau
Jean Bradford	Region III Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative	Billings

MEMBERS

NAME	POSITION	RESIDENCE
Denise Kagie	Region IV Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative Provider Staff, Butte Sheltered Workshop	Butte
Tom Price	Region V Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative Maintenance Supervisor, Lincoln County	Eureka
H.P. Brown	Consumer Representative Retired	Great Falls
Vonnie Koenig	Consumer Representative Farmer/Parent	Kalispell
Ken Kronebusch	Consumer Representative Retired/Parent	Conrad
Tom Powell, Ph.D.	Consumer Representative Dean of Education Eastern Montana College	Billings

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Vacant	Montana House of Representatives	
Senator Hubert Abrams	Montana Senate Rancher	Wibaux
Representative Tim Whalen	Montana House of Representatives Attorney, Private Practice	Billings

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MEMBERS

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J. Cort Harrington	Attorney Representative Attorney, Private Practice	Helena

MEMBERS

NAME	POSITION	RESIDENCE
Dr. Allen Hartman	Physician Representative Pediatrician, Private Practice	Billings
Darcy Miller, Ph.D.	Special Education Representative Professor, Carroll College	Helena
Robert J. Tallon	Service Provider Representative Director, Reach Inc.	Bozeman

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Helena, Montana 59624

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Deborah Swingley	Administrative Assistant
Dawn Leighton	Administrative Aide